Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

December 2006

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended December 9, 2006, there were 497,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan during December 2006, a decrease of 600 from November 2006 but 22,800 more than the number employed in December 2005.

Agricultural employment was 44,800 persons in December 2006, up 200 from the November 2006 level and 2,700 more than the December 2005 agricultural employment level of 44,600. Non-agricultural employment was 452,500 persons in December 2006. This is a decrease of 800 from the November 2006 non-agriculture employment level of 453,300 but 20,100 more than December 2005.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for December 2006 was 3.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.4 percentage points from the November 2006 rate of 3.5 percent but 1.0 percentage points lower than the December 2005 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 1,000 to 517,300 persons in December 2006 from 516,300 persons in November 2006. This is 18,200 more than the December 2005 labour force of 499,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 69.3 percent in December 2006 from 69.2 percent in November 2006. The December 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 66.7 percent.

There were 20,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during December 2006. This is an increase of 1,700 from November 2006 but is 4,600 less than the number unemployed in December 2005.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 502,700 persons employed in Saskatchewan in December 2006, up 3,000 from the November 2006 level of 499,700 and is up 23,000 from the December 2005 employment level of 479,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December 2006 was 4.0 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the November 2006 rate of percent and 1.3 percentage points lower than the December 2005 rate of 5.3 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 1,000 persons in December 2006 to 16,574,000 persons from 16,575,000 persons in November 2006. In December 2005, there were 16,228,100 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.2 percentage points to 5.7 percent from the November 2006 level of 5.9 percent. In December 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 6.1 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in December 2006. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than November 2006 and 0.4 percentage points lower than the December 2005 level of 6.5 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	December 2006	November 2006	December 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	17,577.9	17,622.9	17,287.9	-45.0	290.0
Employed ('000)	16,574.5	16,575.5	16,228.1	-1.0	346.4
Full-Time ('000)	13,425.8	13,453.7	13,144.0	-27.9	281.8
Part-Time ('000)	3,148.7	3,121.9	3,084.1	26.8	64.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,003.4	1,047.4	1,059.9	-44.0	-56.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.9	6.1	-0.2	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.3	6.5	-0.2	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	66.9	66.5	-0.2	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	517.3	516.3	499.1	1.0	18.2
Employed ('000)	497.3	497.9	474.5	-0.6	22.8
Full-Time ('000)	397.6	400.6	380.5	-3.0	17.1
Part-Time ('000)	99.7	97.3	93.9	2.4	5.8
Unemployed ('000)	20.0	18.3	24.6	1.7	-4.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	3.5	4.9	0.4	-1.0
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.0	3.9	5.3	0.1	-1.3
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.2	66.7	0.1	2.6
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	1,963.3	1,972.4	1,873.6	-9.1	89.7
Employed ('000)	1,899.5	1,909.7	1,798.6	-10.2	100.9
Full-Time ('000)	1,594.4	1,600.6	1,485.6	-6.2	108.8
Part-Time ('000)	305.2	309.1	313.0	-3.9	-7.8
Unemployed ('000)	63.8	62.6	75.0	1.2	-11.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.2	4.0	0.0	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.3	3.1	4.2	0.2	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	73.5	72.4	-0.6	0.5
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	610.1	613.0	607.1	-2.9	3.0
Employed ('000)	585.4	586.5	581.9	-1.1	3.5
Full-Time ('000)	465.0	468.9	455.3	-3.9	9.7
Part-Time ('000)	120.4	117.6	126.6	2.8	-6.2
Unemployed ('000)	24.7	26.5	25.2	-1.8	-0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	4.3	4.2	-0.3	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	4.6	4.2	-0.5	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	68.6	68.2	-0.3	0.1

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2006	November 2006	December 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	517.3	516.3	499.1	1.0	18.2
Male	368.0	274.9	265.7	93.1	102.3
Female	378.3	241.3	233.4	137.0	144.9
15-24 Years of Age	97.2	95.7	88.6	1.5	8.6
25+ Years of age	420.1	420.6	410.5	-0.5	9.6
EMPLOYED ('000)	497.3	497.9	474.5	-0.6	22.8
Male	275.6	264.7	251.2	10.9	24.4
Female	241.8	233.2	223.3	8.6	18.5
15-24 Years of Age	90.1	89.7	79.2	0.4	10.9
25+ Years of age	407.2	408.3	395.2	-1.1	12.0
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	20.0	18.3	24.6	1.7	-4.6
Male	31.5	10.2	14.6	21.3	16.9
Female	68.3	8.1	10.1	60.2	58.2
15-24 Years of Age	7.1	6.0	9.4	1.1	-2.3
25+ Years of age	12.9	12.3	15.3	0.6	-2.4
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.9	3.5	4.9	0.4	-1.0
Male	12.1	3.7	5.5	8.4	6.6
Female	7.9	3.4	4.3	4.5	3.6
15-24 Years of Age	7.3	6.3	10.6	1.0	-3.3
25+ Years of age	3.1	2.9	3.7	0.2	-0.6
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.3	69.2	66.7	0.1	2.6
Male	4.4	74.7	72.0	-70.3	-67.6
Female	3.3	63.8	61.5	-60.5	-58.2
15-24 Years of Age	70.8	69.7	64.1	1.1	6.7
25+ Years of age	69.0	69.1	67.3	-0.1	1.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	December 2006	November 2006	December 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	44.8	44.6	42.1	0.2	2.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	22.6	23.1	20.6	-0.5	2.0
Utilities	4.0	4.1	4.6	-0.1	-0.6
Construction	29.8	29.7	26.0	0.1	3.8
Manufacturing	27.9	28.6	29.6	-0.7	-1.7
Trade	86.6	83.0	74.2	3.6	12.4
Transportation and Warehousing	24.8	26.2	26.5	-1.4	-1.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.8	26.3	25.6	0.5	1.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.9	20.6	17.9	-0.7	2.0
Business, Building and Other Support Services	10.7	10.3	11.3	0.4	-0.6
Educational Services	40.5	41.9	41.0	-1.4	-0.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	61.1	60.6	58.4	0.5	2.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.3	19.7	18.8	-0.4	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	30.7	31.7	29.1	-1.0	1.6
Other Services	21.7	20.3	21.6	1.4	0.1
Public Administration	25.9	27.2	27.1	-1.3	-1.2
Total	497.3	497.9	474.5	-0.6	22.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	397.6	400.6	380.5	-3.0	17.1
Part-Time	99.7	97.3	93.9	2.4	5.8
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	401.6	403.0	379.3	-1.4	22.3
Public Sector	119.7	122.6	120.6	-2.9	-0.9
Private Sector	281.9	280.5	258.8	1.4	23.1
Self-Employed	95.7	94.9	95.1	0.8	0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	December 2006	November 2006	December 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	16,574.5	16,575.5	16,228.1	-1.0	346.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	211.9	216.1	203.5	-4.2	8.4
Prince Edward Island	66.0	67.4	65.9	-1.4	0.1
Nova Scotia	444.5	443.2	439.8	1.3	4.7
New Brunswick	349.0	350.7	349.9	-1.7	-0.9
Quebec	3,757.5	3,776.0	3,718.2	-18.5	39.3
Ontario	6,543.9	6,518.8	6,427.1	25.1	116.8
Manitoba	585.4	586.5	581.9	-1.1	3.5
Saskatchewan	497.3	497.9	474.5	-0.6	22.8
Alberta	1,899.5	1,909.7	1,798.6	-10.2	100.9
British Columbia	2,219.6	2,209.1	2,168.6	10.5	51.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.7	5.9	6.1	-0.2	-0.4
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.1	13.3	15.8	0.8	-1.7
Prince Edward Island	13.6	11.4	12.1	2.2	1.5
Nova Scotia	6.8	7.1	8.0	-0.3	-1.2
New Brunswick	8.2	7.8	9.1	0.4	-0.9
Quebec	7.5	7.9	8.3	-0.4	-0.8
Ontario	5.4	5.9	5.6	-0.5	-0.2
Manitoba	4.0	4.3	4.2	-0.3	-0.2
Saskatchewan	3.9	3.5	4.9	0.4	-1.0
Alberta	3.2	3.2	4.0	0.0	-0.8
British Columbia	4.6	4.6	4.4	0.0	0.2

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TABLE 5

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Oct-Dec 2006	Sept-Nov 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.7	6.9	7.6	-0.2	-0.9
Halifax	4.1	4.3	5.2	-0.2	-1.1
Saint John	4.3	4.8	5.5	-0.5	-1.2
Quebec	5.3	5.0	4.0	0.3	1.3
Montreal	7.5	7.6	9.1	-0.1	-1.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.3	5.5	5.1	-0.2	0.2
Greater Sudbury	6.1	6.8	7.3	-0.7	-1.2
Toronto	6.0	6.5	5.7	-0.5	0.3
Winnipeg	4.4	4.4	3.9	0.0	0.5
Regina	4.1	4.4	4.7	-0.3	-0.6
Saskatoon	3.0	2.8	5.1	0.2	-2.1
Calgary	2.7	2.8	4.5	-0.1	-1.8
Edmonton	3.5	3.4	4.1	0.1	-0.6
Vancouver	4.0	4.0	4.1	0.0	-0.1
Victoria	3.4	3.9	4.0	-0.5	-0.6
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	151.3	151.4	144.5	-0.1	6.8
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.4	54.6	51.1	-0.2	3.3
Saskatoon-Biggar	160.8	160.2	149.2	0.6	11.6
Yorkton-Melville	39.7	39.9	41.9	-0.2	-2.2
Prince Albert & Northern	92.8	93.4	91.1	-0.6	1.7

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Oct-Dec 2006	Sept-Nov 2006	Oct-Dec 2005	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	516.6	517.2	502.0	-0.6	14.6
Employed ('000)	497.8	498.4	477.8	-0.6	20.0
Unemployed ('000)	18.8	18.9	24.2	-0.1	-5.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	3.6	4.8	0.0	-1.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.3	67.1	-0.1	2.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.8	63.8	-0.1	2.9
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	478.5	480.1	464.8	-1.6	13.7
Employed ('000)	463.9	465.3	446.0	-1.4	17.9
Unemployed ('000)	14.6	14.8	18.7	-0.2	-4.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.0	3.1	4.0	-0.1	-1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	69.9	67.3	-0.3	2.3
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	67.7	64.6	-0.2	2.9
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	38.1	37.1	37.2	1.0	0.9
Employed ('000)	33.9	33.0	31.7	0.9	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	4.1	5.4	0.1	-1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.1	11.0	14.6	0.1	-3.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	62.9	64.4	1.5	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	56.0	55.0	1.3	2.3
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.0	14.2	14.7	0.8	0.3
Employed ('000)	13.1	12.1	11.5	1.0	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	1.9	2.1	3.2	-0.2	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.8	14.9	21.7	-2.1	-8.9
Participation Rate (%)	55.8	53.1	55.8	2.7	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	48.7	45.2	43.7	3.5	5.0
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Labour Force ('000)	23.1	22.9	22.5	0.2	0.6
Employed ('000)	20.8	20.9	20.2	-0.1	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	2.3	2.0	2.3	0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.5	10.1	1.4	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	71.7	71.2	71.6	0.5	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	65.1	64.4	-0.5	0.2

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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